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SUBJECT: MORGAN ABDUCTION

FOR AMBASSADOR

AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE BEEN GETTING UNCERTAIN AND TO SOME DEGREE CONFLICTING SIGNALS AS TO EVENTUAL OUTCOME. IN LIGHT OF ALL WE KNOW AT THIS TIME AND OF APPROACHING DEADLINE, AND HAVING IN MIND SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH GOL HAS VIEWED MATTER, WOULD LIKE YOU TOCONSIDER WHETHER IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AND USEFUL FOR YOU TO APPLY SOME ADDITIONAL PRESSURE. YOU COULD GET WORD TO GOL THAT IT IS TIME THEY

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PERFORMED -- AND PRODUCED -- WITH RESPECT TO COL. MORGAN.

THEY HAVE ACKNOWLEDGED THEIR RESPONSIBILITY AND WE WOULD NOT WANT TO TELL THEM HOW THEY SHOULD CARRY IT OUT, BUT THEY SHOULD BE CLEAR THAT MANNER OF THEIR PERFORMANCE WILL INEVITABLY HAVE AN IMPORTANT BEARING ON THE NATURE OF OUR FUTURE RELATIONSHIP. IF YOU DECIDE TO CONVEY SUCH A MESSAGE, WE LEAVE IT TO YOU HOW TO GET ACROSS THE DELICATE THOUGHT THAT OUR FRIENDSHIP AND SYMPATHY FOR GOL REMAIN SUBSTANTIAL AND UNDIMINISHED, BUT MORGAN CASE IS A NEW AND IMPORTANT ELEMENT AND ITS OUTCOME COULD SWING OUR RELATIONSHIP EITHER ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. INGERSOLL

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